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**NEW ENGLAND ORGANIZED CRIME
DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE (OCDETF)**

**FLORIDA MAN CONVICTED OF
METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING IN LAKES REGION**

Re: United States v. Tracy JOHNSON

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey, New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly Ayotte, and New Hampshire State Police Colonel Frederick H. Booth, announced that TRACY JOHNSON, 38, of Hastings, Florida, was sentenced in U.S. District Court of federal methamphetamine distribution and weapon charges.

On May 26, 2004, **JOHNSON** entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Court Judge Steven McAuliffe to an Information filed by the United States Attorney admitting that he had possessed, with the intent to distribute, over 50 grams of methamphetamine in Tilton, NH in June, 2003. **JOHNSON** and a companion, Victoria Massar, 37, also of Hastings, Florida, sold 87.3 grams of methamphetamine to an undercover DEA Task Force Agent on loan from the N.H. Attorney General's Drug Task Force. Massar was recently sentenced to 24 months imprisonment for her role in the drug trafficking activity.

At today's sentencing, Judge McAuliffe imposed a sentence of 78 months imprisonment followed by a 3-year period of supervised release during which **JOHNSON**'s behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case exemplifies this Office's commitment to the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force ("OCDETF"), and the aggressive prosecution of crimes related to all forms of illegal drug trafficking, including methamphetamine distribution. Although methamphetamine abuse is not as widespread in New Hampshire as the

abuse of other illegal drugs like cocaine and heroin, it is nonetheless a significant threat to the public health and well-being.”

JOHNSON is the eighth conviction so far arising from the OCDETF investigation of methamphetamine trafficking in the Lakes Region conducted by the DEA, the N.H. Drug Task Force, and the N.H. State Police. Others previously convicted and sentenced in the case were:

- Ku Klux Klan Motorcycle Club member James Michael Coyne (12 ½ years imprisonment);
- Ku Klux Klan Motorcycle Club member Carroll “Jay” Lane (10 years imprisonment);
- Phoenix-based methamphetamine supplier Todd Maggard (19 ½ years imprisonment);
- Laconia tattooist and methamphetamine distributor Michael “Hollywood” Fralic (5 years imprisonment); and
- Victoria Massar, 37, of Hastings Florida (two years).

The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (“New England OCDETF”).

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